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Dear Councilman Garcia,

I am contacting you today to notify of community opposition to the removal of the 113 trees on Greenleaf.

I am a Whittier native and wanted to emphasize the cultural importance of these trees and why it is advised against of the removal of these trees. These tree are culturally significant to the community and the removal of these tree represent the lack of preservation in the cultural history of these community.

Additionally, the environmental impact of removing these trees will reduce the amount of oxygen production in a community already struggling with CO2 emission. Planting new trees that will take few year to grow will greatly impact the environment in the interim.

Lastly, this is the last grasp at straws we have left in this community at natural beauty in the community. By removing these trees we are succumbing to bleak modernization of a community that is unique on its own. I hope you can realize that the trees bring more value to the city, which means more economic growth and value. Removal of these trees might digress any property value as newer residents seek communities with better aesthetics. You wouldn't go to the Eiffel tower and tear it down, that is the type of value these trees have and can keep the value of this city, which Whittier is known for across southern CA.

Please consider the impacts of the removal of these trees and please keep them there.

Respectfully,

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